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Indian Standard AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES — ODOMETER SYSTEMS — METHOD OF EVALUATION

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FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (First Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards, after the draft finalized by the Automotive Vehicles Testing and Performance Evaluation Sectional Committee had been approved by the Transport Engineering Division Council.

This standard was first published in 1986 and the revision has been undertaken to update its contents based on the experience gained over the years in the usage of it.

The odometer fitted on an automotive vehicle is one of the important instruments on the dashboard and indicates not only the distance travelled but also assists the driver in assessing the fuel consumption of the vehicle. Both these parameters guide the vehicle user in the maintenance schedules and also in the measurement of the rate of fuel consumption. Hence the accuracy of this instrument is of paramount importance. Method of fuel consumption rate is one of the important parameter for the judging the performance of the vehicle and this revision is an important adjunct to it. Earlier standard covered only four wheelers and this revision has been undertaken to include two and three wheelers also.

The committee responsible for the preparation of this standard is given in Annex A.

In reporting the results of a test or analysis made in accordance with this standard, if the final value, observed or calculated, is to be rounded off, it shall be done in accordance with IS 2: 1960 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (revised)'.

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1 SCOPE

This standard specifies the method of evaluation of odometer system fitted on all types of vehicles.

2 PREPARATION OF THE VEHICLE

- 2.1 The vehicle shall conform in all its parts, components and systems to the design and/or production series as applicable.
- 2.2 The vehicle shall be run in accordance with the practice recommended by the manufacturer.
- 2.3 The vehicle shall be loaded to the maximum total weight specified by the manufacturer and the load distribution amongst axles shall be as specified by the manufacturer.
- 2.4 The vehicle shall be fitted with tyres which have not covered more than 10 percent of their expected life. Tread depth measurement may be used to assess the tyre life. The tyres shall be inflated in cold condition to the pressure as recommended by the vehicle manufacturer corresponding to the maximum total weight.
- 2.5 Prior to testing, it shall be ensured that all instruments mounted on the vehicle shall not hamper the visibility or freedom of the driver to have proper control of the vehicle at all the times.

3 EVALUATION OF CALIBRATION

3.1 The vehicle shall be driven on a test track or on a roadway (such as national highway). The actual distance covered shall not be less than:

10 km, if the least count of odometer is less than 1 km, and

30 km, if the least count of odometer is equal to or more than 1 km.

Prior to testing it shall be ensured that the last digit of the odometer shall just reach the next digit and the same shall be noted as initial reference point.

- **3.2** The actual distance travelled may be ascertained by either of the following methods:
 - a) By recording the actual distance travelled by the vehicle, by using instruments such as fifth wheel or contactless distance measuring system. In that case, the test shall be conducted in such a way that at the end of the test, the last digit of the odometer shall be at the initial reference point.
 - b) By driving the vehicle between two fixed marks on the test track, the distance between which has already been established. The vehicle shall be continued to be driven till the last digit of the odometer reaches the initial reference point and this distance shall be measured by a tape and added to the distance travelled. The distance indicated on the odometer shall also be recorded.
- 3.3 The test shall be carried out twice in accordance with 3.1 and 3.2 and each one shall be considered as one pass.
- 3.4 Odometer error shall be-calculated as under:

Sum of indicated distance on odometer for two passes *minus* sum of actual distances travelled for two passes

Odometer error, percent =

Sum of actual distances travelled for two passes

3.5 The odometer error shall not exceed ± 10 percent.

ANNEX A

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